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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Intelligence Support Requirements - GNW; R and R

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REFERENCE:

ICS Memorandum ICS-84-7962, dtd 12 October 1984,
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1. The 12 October 1984 draft set of national security questions and detailed intelligence problems appears, in general, to be suitable for the purpose of focusing collection program managers on requirements for enduring systems. There are several ways, none perfect, in which the intelligence needs of the President can be expressed. Your version is satisfactory for the stated application. However, it should be recognized at the outset that, while we expect the principal thrust of these requirements to be relatively unchanging over time, specific details will certainly change to some extent as we review them each year or two. Furthermore, there is no way we can predict what these details will actually be in a particular situation leading to conflict. These uncertainties should be transmitted to the collection program managers to assure that programmatic planning is sufficiently general or flexible so as not to be rendered obsolete by the inevitable adjustments to requirements. I expect that this caution will apply as well to any ranking or prioritization of requirements that you may provide.

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2. Detailed comments are contained in the attachment to this memorandum.

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